

Sister Hilaire Gaelens Named DSC President

Sister Mary Hilaire Gaelens, RSM, administrative assistant of the diocesan Permanent Diaconate Program, was elected president of the Diocesan Sisters Council during its September meeting.

Sister Shirley Kitagawa, RC, was named vice president.

Sister Mary Denis Hurley, SSJ, treasurer; Sister Mary Loyola Taylor, RSM, recording secretary; Sister Mary Smith, SSND, council representative to the Diocesan Pastoral Council; and Sisters Helen Edward Dodd, DC, and Eileen Broad, SSJ, executive committee members.

According to Sister Hilaire, the council will this year discuss Bishop Matthew H. Clark's Pastoral Letter, "Fire in the Thornbush."

In addition, the group will continue to debate women's issues, especially in an interfaith dimension, and will pursue items of social concern, ministerial issues and diocesan issues.

She said that the council will also design a tool to determine the concerns of women religious and the effectiveness of the council in dealing with those concerns.

The council has 27 members and represents all the Sisters in the diocese by representatives from their respective congregations.

The council's by-laws state that the forum is intended to "contribute to meeting the growing needs of the apostolate through communication, consultation and collegial decision-making."

The Sisters Council is responsible for "Sisters Reflect," an occasional series of columns appearing in the Courier-Journal.

Polish Primate To Visit Buffalo

Sterling Heights, Mich. (NC) — Archbishop Jozef Glemp of Warsaw and Gniezno, primate of Poland, will visit Buffalo on Oct. 20 during a two-week tour of the United States.

The announcement of the trip was made here by Father Wladyslaw Gowin, provincial superior of The Society of Christ, a Polish religious order, who will accompany the archbishop.

He has been invited to the U.S. by Archbishop John R. Roach, president of the National Conference of Catholic Bishops and by the bishops of the 12 dioceses he will visit.

He is coming to celebrate the 600th anniversary of the arrival in Czestochowa, Poland, of the famous icon of Our Lady of Czestochowa,

patroness of Poland, and to thank Americans for assistance given the people of Poland.

On Oct. 26 here, Archbishop Glemp is to preside at a special meeting of Polish priests and nuns and to bless a new chapel in honor of Blessed Maximilian Kolbe, a Polish Franciscan priest killed during World War II, who is to be canonized on Oct. 10.

Father Gowin said the visit will be the first to the United States by a Polish primate. Archbishop Glemp, 53, was named archbishop of Warsaw and Gniezno in July 1981, succeeding the late Cardinal Stefan Wyszyński. He also will visit Philadelphia, Detroit, Toronto, Cleveland, Springfield, Mass.; Worcester, Mass.; Boston, Chicago, Detroit; Orchard Lake, Mich.; New York City and Newark, N.J.

Bike-a-Thon to Aid Hospital

Elmira — The Our Lady of Lourdes Teen Action Group has scheduled its second annual Bike-a-thon to help St. Jude Children's Research Hospital.

"Wheels for Life" will take place from noon to 5 p.m., Sunday, Sept. 26, at Arnot Mall.

Riders enlist sponsors who donate a sum of five cents or more per mile completed. Lap cards will be validated during the bike-a-thon and the riders will return them to their sponsors for collections.

Riders who raise \$25 will receive a St. Jude tee shirt; those raising \$75 or more, a totebag.

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RapAround Back Next Week

Schools are open, and Bishop Matthew H. Clark (above, at Aquinas) is beginning his annual rounds. RapAround will begin its coverage of the 1982-83 school year in the Sept. 19 issue of the Courier-Journal.

Next week read what students have to say about police high speed chases. Be on the lookout for the Winner's Circle — you could win \$5 — find out how students are viewing their school's new co-educational status, and get an inside view on being a judge for cheerleading competitions. All coming in next week's RapAround.

Bishop Spears To Retire

Episcopal Bishop Robert R. Spears Jr. will retire as ordinary of the Diocese of Rochester in two years, he announced last week.

The bishop has maintained close ties with Roman Catholic leaders throughout his 12-year tenure as head of the Episcopal church here.

Bishop Spears said last week that he had formed no definite plans past June 1984, the time of his retirement, and that he wished press attention to focus on the process which will be used by the local church to choose his successor.

The bishop has long been in the forefront of social justice issues, both locally and nationally, at times confronting the majority sentiment of his fellow churchmen.

Following theological studies at General Theological Seminary in New York City, he was ordained a deacon in 1943 and a priest in 1944. His first post was as curate at St. Stephen's in Olean. He was named Bishop of Rochester in 1970.

He is president of Genesee Ecumenical Ministries, and a member of the operational cabinet of the New York State Council of Churches, among several affiliations.

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